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Laura J. Amundson  
Administrative Law Judge  
Department of Workforce Development  
Equal Rights Division  
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RE: Complainant: Mattie Yoakum  
Respondent: Madison United Healthcare Linen, Ltd.  
ERD Case No. CR201902414  
EEOC Case No. 26G201901312C  
Our File: 8957.83440

Dear Judge Amundson:

This letter is a response to Complainant's most recent (May 3, 2021) request for the no probable cause hearing to be rescheduled in the above-referenced matter. Originally, Complainant's excuse for failing to attend the properly noticed hearing was that she had written down the wrong time for the hearing. On April 8, 2021, Respondent submitted its response to Complainant's request, setting forth both the factual and legal reasons why Complainant's request should be denied.

On or about May 3, 2021, Complainant again corresponded with you providing yet additional excuses why she failed to attend the hearing. Complainant's new excuses were that on March 31, 2021 she had received news that her nephew had been shot and killed at a gas station on the south side of Madison. Complainant did not provide any information regarding the identity of her nephew so that her excuse could be verified. On June 22, 2021, you provided Complainant exactly that opportunity, particularly since the news had reported that a strikingly similar situation had occurred on April 3, 2021, two days after the scheduled hearing. You requested that Complainant provide further clarification in this regard, and she has failed to do so.

Complainant also alleges that on April 2, 2021 she learned that Mr. Kelly (her former supervisor) had passed away. This is the same Mr. Kelly that Complainant was critical of in her responses to Respondent's discovery requests (see e.g. Response to Interrogatory No. 6; Response to Request for Admission No. 19). Moreover, the fact that Complainant became shocked on April 2, 2021 when she learned of Mr. Kelly's death, does not explain or excuse her failure to attend the hearing the day before she learned of his death. Again, you provided the opportunity for Complainant to attempt to further explain how Mr. Kelly's death affected her failure to appear at the scheduled hearing, and she has failed to do so.



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Message:

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